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Introduced by Representatives McCullough of Williston, Frank of Underhill,
and Till of Jericho

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Fish and wildlife; animal products; shark fin

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
possession, sale, offer for sale, trade, or distribution of shark fins.

An act relating to the possession, sale, and distribution of shark fins

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 5411 is added to read:

§ 5411. SHARK FINS; POSSESSION; SALE; DISTRIBUTION

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Shark" means any species of the subclass Elasmobranchii.

(2) "Shark fin" means a raw, dried, or otherwise processed detached fin
or tail of a shark.

(b) A person shall not possess, sell, offer for sale, trade, or distribute a
shark fin, provided that a person who possessed a shark fin prior to July 1,
2015, may continue to possess the shark fin.

1 (c) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00
2 nor less than \$400.00 or imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both. Each
3 shark fin possessed, sold, offered for sale, traded, or distributed in violation of
4 this section shall constitute a separate offense.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.